

Dear Parents,

It is a busy week here at St. Margaret's and I am writing to remind you of the activities for this coming week. I also include an appeal for the Ukrainian refugees making their way into Poland. This appeal is being supported in our parishes and through St Columba's RC HS. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

### **Pancake Tuesday**

On Tuesday 1st March, the children will celebrate Pancake Day with a pancake and juice in school. A donation would be very much appreciated, and money raised will be for school funds. **Please advise the school office of any dietary requirements.**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Our boys and girls will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass in their classes on Ash Wednesday. This will be live streamed at 10am from St Margaret's Church. Following on from Mass, our children will receive ashes in their classrooms.

### **World Book Day (Thursday)**

To further promote an enjoyment of reading, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book if they would like or dress down if they would prefer. (No football colours please – unless your child plays for a local children's football team, then they can wear that club's strip, if their chosen character is from a football related book).

### **Malawi Appeal**

You will be aware that a few years ago Mrs Muir visited, worked and taught supporting children in Malawi. As part of our World Book Day activities your child is invited to bring into school a book that they have read/no longer use and would be happy to donate. All books will be boxed and sent to Malawi to bring the joy of reading to them. Thank you for your support.

### **World Day of Prayer (Friday)**

Friday 4th March is World Day of Prayer, and our boys and girls will mark this special day in their classes through our R.E. curriculum and this will also link in with our work around Lent.

### **Ukrainian Refugee Appeal**

Local Polish families connected to St. Columba's family of schools have asked for donations for an emergency appeal for Ukrainians crossing the Polish border as refugees.

The humanitarians working along the border are in urgent need of particular items. All of these items will be collected from various Scottish locations on Friday and transferred to Glasgow and then transported to the Poland-Ukraine border.

Please send your donations to our school, St. Margaret's RC PS Dunfermline, between Monday 28th February and Friday 4th March and we will forward them on to St Columba's RC HS as our local collection point.

Items will be collected on Friday and transferred to Glasgow and then transported to the Poland Ukraine border. Essential items are listed below.

Dried / canned food

Toiletries

Clothes-hats, gloves / kids warm clothing (including jackets)

Blankets / sleeping bags

Money donations.

Camping style, metal tableware and cutlery

Flashlights

All donations greatly appreciated

Thank you for your continued support. If you feel you are able to contribute to one or several of the activities, it is very much appreciated. Alternatively, if you are unable to make a donation, please remember the people of Ukraine and Malawi in your prayers.

Many thanks,